

REMARKS

The Applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner and confirm again the considerations presented in the REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION filed on September 24, 2003, presented in Reply Brief mailed to the Patent Office on November 4, 2004, and presented in the Appeal Brief filed on May 27, 2004.

To make these considerations even more clear and fully describe the scope of the present invention, three independent claims 1, 5, 9 are amended.

Currently-filed claim 1 has been amended to specify that a selected stripe of said light and dark stripes changes from light to dark and "remains dark in a region bordering on at least a part of a dark segment of a neighboring stripe, and beyond said dark segment said selected stripe remains dark or changes back to light to create a shadow adjacent to an edge of said icon". Basis for the amendments is found in the description on currently filed page 3, lines 29-30, page 4, lines 6-7 and lines 14-15, and in Figures 1 and 2A through 2F.

The applicant submits that Figures 1 and 2A through 2F implicitly show that a selected stripe of said light and dark stripes changes from light to dark and remains dark in a region bordering on at least a part of a dark segment of a neighboring stripe. For example, in Figure 2F, stripe 30 changes from light to dark and remains dark in a region bordering on at least a part of a dark segment of a neighboring stripe 28.

Currently filed claim 1 has been further amended to specify that in addition to said selected stripe of said light and dark stripes, "a **further** selected stripe of said light and dark stripes" changes from dark to light and that said further selected stripe of said light and dark stripes "remains light in

a region bordering on at least a part of a light segment in said neighboring stripe or in a further neighboring stripe, and beyond said light segment said selected stripe remains light or changes back to dark to create a highlight adjacent to said edge or to another edge of said icon". Basis for the amendments is found in the description on currently filed page 3, lines 29-30, page 4, lines 6-7 and lines 14-15, and in Figures 1 and 2A through 2F.

The applicant further submits that Figures 2A to 2F implicitly disclose that the further selected stripe of said light and dark stripes changes from dark to light and remains light in a region bordering on at least a part of a light segment in said neighboring stripe or in a further neighboring stripe. For example, in Figure 2F, stripe 32 changes from dark to light and remains light in a region bordering on at least a part of a light segment of a neighboring stripe 30.

New dependent claims 13, 14 and 15 have been added and specify that the alternating light and dark stripes are vertical. Basis for the amendment is found in the description on currently filed page 3, lines 28 to 29, page 4, lines 3 to 4 and page 4, lines 6 to 7.

Claims 5 and 9 have been amended in a similar way as claim 1.

The amended claims more fully describe the scope of the present invention and even more clearly separate it from the prior art reference of Smith et al. (US Patent No. 5,923,327) quoted by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed January 7, 2004, made final.

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Consideration and allowance are respectively requested.

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